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SUBJECT: SALE OF WEAPONS AND AMMUNITION TO THE PUBLIC

REF: A) MANAGUA 3383, B) MANAGUA 4049, C) STATE 210220

1. DEPARTMENT WILL REMEMBER LAST YEAR SEVERAL ORDERS FOR WEAPONS AND AMMUNITION TO BE SOLD TO THE PUBLIC THROUGH THE GN WERE DISAPPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT ON THE MISTAKEN BELIEF THAT THESE ORDERS REPRESENTED MUNITIONS FOR THE LOCAL POLICE. AFTER EXTENSIVE REVIEW THE DECISION WAS REACHED THAT IT WAS NOT THE INTENT OF THE DEPARTMENT TO PROHIBIT SUCH SALES AND THAT THE ORDERS SHOULD BE RESUBMITTED

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2. EMBASSY HAS BEEN INFORMED THAT THE PROBLEM CONTINUES. AT LEAST TWO ORDERS PLACED WITH THE JONAS AIRCRAFT AND ARMS CO. REPORTEDLY HAVE BEEN EITHER BLOCKED OR DISAPPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT. THE PURCHASER IN ONE ORDER IS THE BANCO CENTRAL DE NICARAGUA AND INCLUDES 94 MODEL 10 SMITH AND WESSON REVOLVERS, 2 MODEL 59 SMITH AND WESSON PISTOLS AND 5 MODEL 18 SMITH AND WESSON REVOLVERS. THESE WEAPONS ARE INTENDED FOR BANK WATCHMEN. THE FSLN GUERRILLAS HAVE A LONG HISTORY OF BANK ROBBERIES AND EMBASSY BELIEVES THIS REQUEST IS JUSTIFIED AND SHOULD NOT BE REFUSED. THE SECOND ORDER IS FOR 15,000 ROUNDS OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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.357 MAGNUM AMMUNITION FOR SALE TO THE PUBLIC THROUGH THE GN WAREHOUSE. EMB'S EARLIER COMMENTS REGARDING NO PREVIOUS INDICATION OF DIVERSION OF SUCH SUPPLIES FOR MILITARY USE STILL APPLIES.

3. EMBASSY FURTHER UNDERSTANDS A REQUEST FOR TWO MACHINE GUNS FROM LAST YEAR (MC CASE NO. 32643) FOR PRIVATE USERS REMAINS BLOCKED, HOWEVER AVAILABE RECORDS DO NOT CONFIRM THAT AN APPEAL OF THIS

DECISION HAS BEEN MADE BY JONAS AIRCRAFT AND ARMS CO.

4. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE INFORMATION ON THESE CASES.
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